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11th May, 1964.

Dear Professor Lukacs,

I understand that Martin Eve has written to you about the Socialist Register, which he publishes here. May I take the liberty of making one or two further remarks about it? My co-editor, John Saville, and I began this project in the belief that there was a great and urgent need for more serious intellectual work in regard to problems of socialist theory and practice, away from dogmatic formulas and prescriptions. We know that you yourself have been an outstanding exponent of this view. We should therefore like to ask you whether you might consider writing an essay for the 1965 volume, which is to be published in April. We hoped in particular that you might be willing to write a review/essay on Jean Paul Sartre's Critique de la Raison Dialectique. I need not say how deeply we believe that such an essay from your pen would be a most valuable addition to the volume. On the other hand, you might wish to write on another subject and we should be very glad to accept any suggestion from you. We would require the essay by October.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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2nd June, 1964.

Dear Professor Lukacs,

Many thanks for your letter. We are, I need hardly say, delighted and greatly honoured by your acceptance of our invitation to write for the Socialist Register 1965. We think that an essay on Solzenytsin and Socialist Realism, from your pen, would be extremely interesting. May I take it that the essay will not appear anywhere until its publication in the Socialist Register, which is due at the end of April 1965? So far as possible, we very much prefer to publish original material. We should be very grateful if we could have your essay by September, so that there may be ample time for a really first-class translation.

As for Sartre's Critique, I am pursuing a few other interesting possibilities and very much appreciate your very kind suggestion that one of your assistants should do a review of it. With your permission, I should like to leave the matter open for the time being.

I should like to say once again how much we look forward to having an essay from you in our 1965 volume.

With best wishes and greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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24th June, 1964.

Dear Professor Lukacs,

Many thanks for your letter. We do understand that we cannot expect your essay not to appear in languages other than English before it appears in the Socialist Register 1965, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be the first to publish it in English. May I take it that this would apply not only to England but also to the United States, where the Socialist Register is being published as well - by Monthly Review Press? May we please have the essay as soon as convenient, as we should like to start with the translation as soon as possible?

With greetings and many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Lukács,

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I should like to inform you that I have now received your essay and that I am arranging for its translation into English. May I say again how grateful we are to you for allowing us to publish it in England and the United States. It will form a most valuable addition to our 1965 volume and we are truly honoured to be able to count you as one of our contributors.

With best wishes and greetings,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Professor Lukacs,

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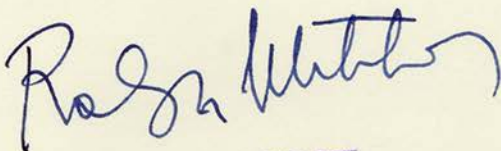
I beg to inform you that our essay for the Socialist Register 1965 is now being printed. The final translation - and you may be assured that we took very great care with it - reads very well indeed in English.

One small point has arisen: we should like to give a title to your essay; at the moment, it does not have one. So as not to delay matters with the printers, we have given it the provisional title "Solzhenitsyn and the New Realism!" May I ask whether you would consider this in the least suitable, or whether you would like to suggest another title. I should be most grateful if you would let me know.

I should like to say again ^{to you} how grateful we are for letting us have the essay for the Register.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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